

Application No. 10/035,732
Amendment Dated May 21, 2003
Reply to Office Action of April 23, 2003

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated April 23, 2003, the Examiner subjected original claims 1-22 to an election/restriction requirement. Essentially, the Examiner requested that the Applicant elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits. The Examiner listed three different species, namely, the species of Figs. 1-6, Figs. 7-10 and Figs. 11-13.

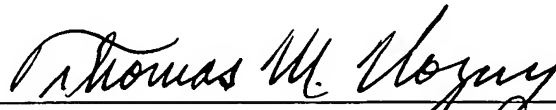
In response, Applicant has elected the species of Figs. 7-10. Also, Applicant has added new claim 23 and amended original claim 16 to depend from new claim 23. Accordingly, in view of these amendments, Applicant has listed all the claims currently readable on the presser assembly illustrated in Figs. 7-10 as being claims 1-3 and 16-23. Also, Applicant has noted that claim 1 is the only generic independent claim. Applicant would appreciate confirmation from the Examiner that the Examiner considers claim 1 generic in view of the Examiner's comment in paragraph 2 of the Office Action that "no claim is generic." Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's conclusion as claim 1 merely calls for a support member, a vertically moveable presser, and a mounting arrangement interconnecting the presser to the support member such that the mounting structure is disposed flush with or below the horizontal plane defined by the support member, and does not extend above such horizontal plane. Clearly, the species illustrated in Figs. 7-10 provides a linkage assembly which interconnects the support member and presser and is always disposed flush with or below the horizontal plane defined by the support member and never extends above said horizontal plane.

In view of the above election, prosecution on the merits of the subject matter of claims 1-3 and 16-23 is herein requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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